

HUI MALAMA I NA KUPUNA O HAWAI'I NEI
Board of Directors Meeting
September 8-10, 1989 at Hana, Maui
Minutes

Present:

Edward Kanahale (President); Parley Kanakaole (Vice-President); Keawe Vredenburg (Treasurer); Phyllis Coochie Cayan (Secretary); Pualani Kanakaole (Protocol Committee Chair)

PULE HUIKALA

Kahuna:	Hemu oia.	Defend us from them.
Hui:	Hemu.	Defend us.
Kahuna:	Hemu na moe inoino,	Defend from nightmare,
	na moemoe a; na punohunohu,	from bad dreams, from ill
	na haumia, hemu oia!	omens, deliver us!
Hui:	Hemu.	Defend us.
Kahuna:	Elieli!	Speedily, entirely!
Hui:	Noa!	It is free!
Kahuna:	Ia e!	Ia e!
Hui:	Noa honua!	Freedom complete!

(Note: one clap after each hui/repeat pule 5 times/2 clap pau.)

The first annual Hui Malama Board meeting started at 09:30PM on Friday with the above pule to help clear our minds and emphasize good fellowship throughout our work. The Pule Huikala will be used to open and to end all future Hui meetings.

I. DISCUSSION

1. Logo Design:

Edward received a logo design from Kalani Flores with several variations on the theme. Discussion on the significance of the logo was expounded until all agreed on one design with the addition of a darker outline of the triangle; a more geometric hala lei on the outer side of the triangle and the use of shaded words for "Malama I Na Kupuna". The symbols mean:

- a. Hala is the passing from one realm or dimension to another.
(Use of hala lei, mat and kapa design)
- b. Piko is the concept of the three piko and its connection to the past, the present and the future.
(Use of the ki'i stance and position, and the triangle shape)
- c. The kupuna figure is our ancestors.
(Use of ki'i image as a traditional representation)

A final design will be made with our suggestions. The logo will be used on official stationery and other items as approved by the board.

2. Membership:

Paid membership will be the format for Hui Malama. Membership costs will be tax-deductible. The rates and types of membership are:

Individual	8.00	one vote/newsletter
'Ohana	12.00	two votes/newsletter
Hui	25.00	one vote/3 newsletter
Corporate	100.00	one vote/5 newsletters

A Hui is defined as having less than 10 members, all other groups would be considered a Corporate group. Votes are limited to prohibit take-overs by unfriendly factions.

The Hui will work to promote its primary purpose of providing protection of all Hawaiian burials and burial sites. Other purposes to be emphasized are to work for reinterment of Hawaiian remains; to provide cultural integrity for reburials and to educate members on Hawaiian reburials and related practices. The purposes as stated in the Hui's By-laws will be followed.

3. Interaction with Other Groups:

Malama Hui will work with all groups and /or person(s) whose main objectives are in the interest of our purposes and guidelines as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. Hui Malama will avoid duplication of other groups such as Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, etc.

4. Mailing List:

Our mailing list will be initially drawn from the names and addresses on the petitions from the December vigils.

5. Newsletter:

The first newsletter give an update on the organization, the Honokahua reinterment plans, the Board's goals, and the membership drive. Newsletter will probably be on a quarterly basis. This will be implemented after the first President's letter goes out.

6. Finance:

The President and the Treasurer will co-sign the bank checks. Keawe will open an account at Bank of Hawaii after getting all the tax status papers, etc. as required. Coochie reports an approximate \$235.00 in donations from the vigil. The funds are currently held by PKF (Emmett) until Malama Hui gets its account set up.

7. Public Relations:

There is a continuing need to raise the awareness and educate the general public on the Honokahua reinterments and on Hawaiian burials and practices. The newsletter and a brochure will be distributed too. Keawe suggested using bulletin board space at the shopping centers and a slideshow presentation.

Parley has a resource unit he uses in his classes using the Honokahua issue and the Malama legislative bill. Keawe suggested he write it up for the DOE to use.

B. Elections:

An election committee will be formed prior to the next officers election. Mailout ballots should be sent out at least 40 days prior to allow time for compilation. Nominees will be contacted for consent to ensure their acceptance if elected. The second weekend of September will be the date for the next meeting to announce the new officers at a location to be announced.

II. POLICY

1. There will be participation on each island by Malama Hui members. Each island will select one person from its various districts to represent that island at any statewide meetings. More discussion needed to set up Hui members on each island for each district.

2. Non-Hawaiians are encouraged to join Malama Hui with the understanding that only Hawaiians can be a director.

3. Malama Hui will assist in the reinterment of prehistoric Hawaiian bones. Reinterment shall be in the same ground or in the same ahupua'a in as close proximity as possible if the original ground has been disturbed by natural causes; or in an area where it shall be secured by survey mapping (burial records) or in a land covenant for burials.

4. Native Hawaiian burials will be conducted if a member's ashes meets the legal requirements and his/her immediate 'ohana approves of the member's last wishes and/or legal will.

5. Workshops will be held for members only on how to reinter and to inter burials. Dates will be announced as needed to provide training to committed members. Disclaimers will be signed to note that training are only for single or family-type burials and not for mass burials.

6. The official Malama Hui spokesperson will be the President or a duly-designated person. All official correspondence and/or public releases will be signed by the President or his duly-designated person with copies sent to all Directors.

III. ACTION PLAN

1. Honokahua: All agreed a formal letter of support will be sent to the Maui Hui. Edward to draft and send ASAP.

2. Mailout: A letter explaining Malama Hui organization and copy of letter of support for reinterment will be mailed first. This will lead to the first newsletter and membership drive. Keawe will print the labels for the mailouts.

3. Legislation: All agreed the present form of the burial bill must be stronger and rewritten like the first NARF bill. Other points are:

a. Malama Hui should have the final say on the significance of a site and on the disposition of prehistoric burials with our own kahuna kanu;

b. Use the strong wording of the original NARF bill to make the law protect our burials from "culture vultures".

The Legislation committee (Chairperson Davi) is working on finalizing arrangements to have NARF lawyer Walter Bunky Echohawk and his lobbyist give a seminar in October. Malama Hui will have a discussion on how to make our bill more likely to pass with better lobbying techniques. A review of our bill and efforts is necessary before the seminar to focus on our goals.

4. MOA: Edward will write a letter to DLNR inquiring on the plans for the Kahuku sand dunes. More action will be discussed when the status of that burial area is known. No action decided on approaching OHA on the other MOAs.

5. Kahuna Kanu: Coochie will look into registering the use of the name for Malama Hui only. The Kahuna Kanu will specialize only in reburials/reinterments and in single/family interments. Edward and Pualani will train any interested person(s) as well as the designated persons for each island and its districts. At the present time, Edward and Parley will serve as kahuna kanu until more are qualified to perform the necessary rituals.

6. DLNR: Edward will speak to Davi to contact DLNR to discuss their plan to have a committee on each island to care for any reburials that may occur. Questions will cover what their timetable is to implement this plan; how many and what kind of community representation and Malama Hui representation; etc.

7. DHHL: Parley will write a policy on reburials for the DHHL Commission. There are no guidelines for burials found on DHHL-managed lands. The policy will be completed and presented at their November meeting. Edward will write to Ilima with the proposal and an offer to conduct a workshop in conjunction with the presentation.

8. Grants: Keawe and Coochie will research the kinds of grants that Malama Hui can qualify for. Any funding received will be used as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

9. Kupuna Today: Parley suggested thinking of a program to take care of our kupuna now, not only when they are bones. He stated there are many Hawaiian kupuna especially in the rural areas who have no contact with others during the day when their ohana goes off to school/work. Possibly a care-giver program where one visits the kupuna or have the kupuna spend a few hours with others. We don't want to duplicate the Senior Citizens program-this will be geared to the Hawaiian kupuna. Services like lomilomi, la'au lapau and talking story can help revitalize our kupuna who are alone most of the day. Statistics show more of our kupuna live longer today. This fact has created a lot of socio-economic problems for the elderly including neglect by society.

PAU

The meeting ended with Pule Huikala at 09:30PM Saturday evening. All agreed it was a most productive weekend of work and good fellowship.

MAHALO

Special thanks to Parley and his ohana for sharing the beauty of Hana (it was worth the drive but don't tell the tourist); to Edward for his unerring driving skills; to Pua for sharing her knowledge of our culture and cooking perfect cheese omelets; to Keawe for kitchen duty and ultra-ono chocolate chip brownies; and to Coochie's cleanup efforts. Mahalo akua/aumakua for giving us the guidance to protect and care for our kupuna.